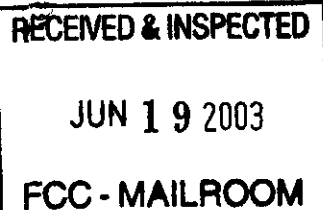




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RE: CC Docket No 96-45
Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support – ICLS
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This is to certify that Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Co. will use its Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support – ICLS only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area(s) listed below.

Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Co – 390158

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick L. Morse".

Patrick L. Morse
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